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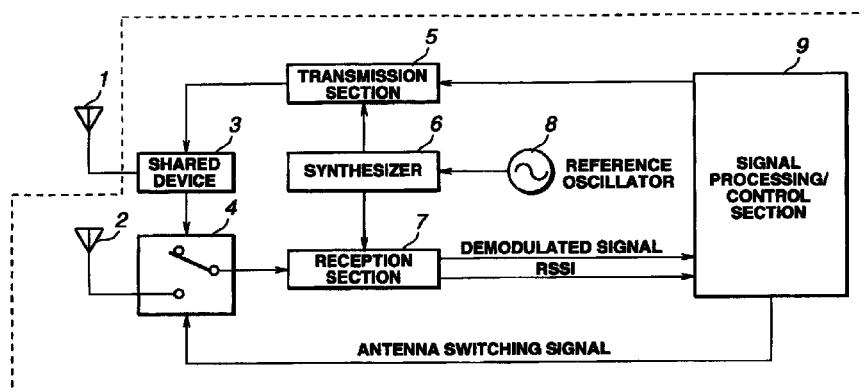
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(54) **Radio communication unit and receiving method for diversity reception**

(57) The switch(4) consumes power necessarily when the antenna is changed over in the diversity reception. The present invention intends to reduce this power consumption and also to assure an appropriate reception condition. Initially, the reception is performed with an antenna(1) connected to the reception section(7) and the reception quality such as reception field level or the like is detected. At that time, it is detected whether the reception quality is equal or superior to a

given value or not, and when it is detected that the reception quality is equal or superior to the given value, the reception is performed by the antenna (1) connected to the reception section(7), without performing the diversity reception. The reception quality detection continues and, when the reception quality falls below the given value, the diversity reception will be performed.

**FIG.1**



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